

**GUIDELINES FOR THE EXPENDITURE
OF THE 26% RETURN TO LOCALITY
SHARE OF EMS FOUR-FOR-LIFE FUNDS**

Purpose of the Fund

To provide funding for **training** of volunteer or salaried emergency medical service personnel of licensed, nonprofit emergency medical services agencies and for the purchase of necessary **equipment and supplies** for use in such locality for licensed, non-profit emergency medical and rescue services.

Such funds shall be in addition to any local appropriations and local governing bodies shall not use these funds to supplant local funds.

If the local governing body grants the funds to a regional emergency medical services council to be distributed to the licensed, nonprofit emergency medical service agencies and rescue squads, the local governing body shall remain responsible for the proper use of the funds. If a report on the use of these funds has not been received from a local governing body, any funds due to that local governing body for the next fiscal year shall be retained until such time as the report has been submitted.

Expenses associated with training programs include:

- textbooks and workbooks
- supplies (used in practice), bandages, etc.
- equipment (manikins, films, videotapes, etc.)
- expenses associated with state certification programs
- expenses associated with specialty training programs
- regional training activities

Purchase of necessary equipment and supplies needed to:

- gain access to a patient
- assess the patient's medical condition
- provide immediate medical care
- transport the patient to a medical facility
- communicate with the dispatcher and medical facility

Items that do NOT conform to the intent:

- furnishings or appliances for squad building
- vehicle or building maintenance items
- capital improvements
- special use equipment for fire suppression
- fund raising or public relations
- office management
- law enforcement
- Items purchased with RSAF Grant Funds (see below note)

Note: *“Any funds received from Section 46.2-694 by a non-state agency cannot be used to match any other funds derived from Section 46.2-694 by that same non-state agency.”* Simply put, funds returned to localities cannot be used as the matching share of any grants offered using **Four-For-Life** funds.